

Friends of the Belle Board Member Expectations

Thank you for your interest in serving on the board of Friends of the Belle!

We are a 501c(3) organization established in 2021. Our mission is to provide meaningful and engaging experiences on the water like no one else can and preserve Louisville's two maritime National Historic Landmarks, the Belle of Louisville and Life Saving Station #10 (aka the Mayor Andrew Broaddus). Through meaningful programming, passengers are encouraged to explore history, the arts, and the cultural heritage of the Ohio River and Louisville in a way that represents diverse stories and honest experiences.

Ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:

- Extensive professional experience with leadership accomplishments in business, government, history and/or historic preservation, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector
- A commitment to and understanding of Friends of the Belle as well as Belle of Louisville Riverboats's unique history, role in the community and programmatic and preservation needs
- Diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for Friends of the Belle's mission

Service on Friends of the Belle's Board of Directors is without remuneration.

Board Term

Friends of the Belle Board Members will serve a three-year term to be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term. Board meetings will be held at least three times a year, with an online meeting option.

Board Collective Core Responsibilities

- fundraising and resource development
- enhancing Friends of the Belle's public image
- planning, support and execution of major fundraising events (such as Bingo on the Belle) to support Friends of the Belle's mission
- Review and ratify financial documents

Individual Board Member Responsibilities

- attend at least 2 board meetings per calendar year
- know Friends of the Belle's mission, policies, programs and needs
- Identify and recruit other Board Members

- serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization in the Louisville community and beyond
- fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the organization to advance Friends of the Belle's mission
- leverage connections, networks, and resources to achieve the organization's mission
- make an impact financially and/or with your time and skill set
- help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising
- prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings
- respect the experiences of all who bring their voices and lived experiences into the boardroom and the organization

Experience or knowledge in any of the following is a plus:

- Arts & culture organizations
- Museums or historic preservation
- Major fundraising event planning
- Tourism
- Marketing and communications
- Finance
- Education and public programming